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| Serial No. 09/820 091 | Filing Date March 28, 2001 | Examiner Not Assigned | Group Art Unit 3711 |
| Inventor(s) Kenneth W. Nimmons | | | |
| Title of Invention BASEBALL BASE WITH IDENTIFICATION | | | |

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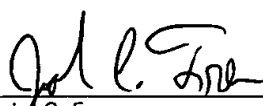
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

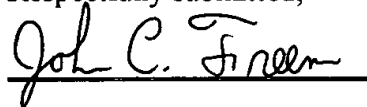
A. U.S. Patents

| <u>Patent No.</u> | <u>Inventor</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> |
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| 5,000,447 | Bartoli | 03/19/91 |
| 5,290,028 | Bartoli | 03/01/94 |
| 5,415,395 | Bartoli | 05/16/95 |

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicant wishes to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicant's desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

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